MINUTES

OF THE

EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD

AND

MINISTERIUM

OF

NORTH CAROLINA.

CONVENED AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY, N. C.,

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MINUTES.

Pursuant to a resolution of last Synod, the Ministers and lay-delegates, composing the 44th Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, assembled at St. Matthew's Church, Rowan county, N. C., May 2d., 1850. Bro. Harter, in the absence of the President, preached the Synodical sermon from ii. Tim., iii, 16, 17. After which, the members of the Synod present, were called to order with singing and prayer by the President *pro tem.*

Rev. J. Crim, was appointed Secretary, *pro tem.*

The roll was called and the absentees noted.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	ADDRESS.
Rev. J. D. SCHECK,	*Luthersville, Rowan county, N. C.*
" WM. ARTZ,*	*Holt's Store, Alamance,* "
" SAM'L. ROTHROCK,	*Rockville, Rowan county,* "
" BENJ. AREY,*	*Statesville, Iredell county,* "
" WM. G. HARTER,	*Concord, Cabarrus county,* "
" J. A. LINN,	*Rockville, Rowan county,* "
" J. CRIM,	*Jerusalem, Davie county,* "

LICENTIATES.

Rev. J. GRIESON,*	*Clapp's, Guilford county, N. C.*
" A. GRIMES,*	*Wilkesborough, Wilkes county, N. C.*
" J. SWICEGOOD,*	*Browntown, Davidson county,* "
" J. H. COFFMAN,	*Salisbury, Rowan county,* "
" B. N. HOPKINS,	*Salisbury, Rowan county,* "

The following Lay-Delegates presented their certificates of appointment to this Synod, and took their seats.

Mr. DAVID LINN,	*From Rev.*	*J. D. Scheck's*	*charge.*	
" GEORGE CULP,	"	"	*S. Rothrock's*	"
" ROBERT FREELAND,	"	"	*B. Arey's*	"
" WILY BLACKWELDER,	"	"	*W. G. Harter's*	"
" CONRAD MILLER,	"	"	*J. A. Linn's*	"
" JEREMIAH BARRINGER,	"	"	*J. Crim's*	"
" ELIAS OVERCASH,	"	"	*J. H. Coffman's*	"
" JOHN SMITHDEAL,	"	"	*B. N. Hopkins'*	"
" DAVID BARRINGER,	"		*Union Church.*	
" J. M. SMITH.	"		*Davidson county.*	

The ex-officio President now read his annual Report, which was accepted.

The Synod, being duly organized, proceeded to an election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of the following brethren:

W. G. HARTER, *President.*
J. CRIM, *Rec. Sec., and* J. D. SCHECK, *Assistant.*
J. D. SCHECK, *Corresponding Secretary.*
M. BARRIER, Esq., *Treasurer of Synod.*

All documents intended for Synod were now called for, and referred to appropriate committees.

1. *Committee on the President's Report.*—Rev. J. D. Scheck, and George Culp.

2. *Committee on Petitions and Vacancies.*—Rev. J. H. Coffman and D. Barringer.

3. *Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Rev. B. N. Hopkins and W. Blackwelder.

4. *On Finance.*—Rev. S. Rothrock and Col. J. M. Smith.

5. *On the state of Religion.*—Rev. J. A. Linn and Conrad Miller.

1. *Resolved*, That a committee of two be appointed to receive the Synodical contributions, pay them to the Treasurer and take his bond.

Committee: Rev. J. D. Scheck and David Linn.

The Treasurer of the Centenary fund now handed in his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Treasurer of the Seminary submitted his report, which for examination was referred to the Committee on Finance.

2. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn till to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by the President.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday, May 3d., 9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by brother Rothrock. The roll was called, the minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

Committee on Finance now reported on the reports of the Treasurers of the Synod, Centenary and Seminary.

Report No. 1.

TREASURER OF SYNOD.

The Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, would respectfully report as follows:

Balance in hand at last Synod, - - - - - -		$48 90
Received at said Synod, - - - - - - -		50 49
Total of receipts, - - - - - -		$99 39
Vouchers.		
Paid Rev. W. G. Harter, as per order of Synod,	$50 00	
Paid do. do. do.	2 41½	
Paid Rev. Jacob Crim, as per order of Synod, -	4 50	
Paid Bruner & James as per order of Synod, for printing Minutes, - - - - - -	43 00	
Total of vouchers, - - - - - - -		99 91½
Balance due Treasurer, - - - - - - -		52½

Respectfully submitted,

MATTHIAS BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTENARY FUND.

The Treasurer of Centenary Fund, reports as follows:

Principal now in my hands,	$531 06½
Interest to present time,	31 86¼

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SEMINARY FUND.

The Treasurer of Seminary Fund in account with the Synod of North Carolina, makes the following report of notes in hand, viz:

One note due May 1, 1849, of	$137 00	
Interest paid to April 16, 1850,		$7 90
One note due May 1, 1849, of - - -	294 00	
Interest paid to April 16, 1850, - - - - -		16 90
One note due August 6, 1849, of - - -	107 50	
Interest paid to April 16, 1850, - - - -		4 45
One note due November 22, 1849, of - -	500 00	
Upon this note no interest from that date has been collected.		
Interest due upon said note to Nov. 22, 1849,		17 15
Amount of principal, - - - - -	$1038 50	
Amount of interest in hand, - - -		$46 40

MOSES BARRIER, *Treasurer.*

Your Financial Committee would present the following as their report:

1. They examined the Report of the Treasurer of Synod, and find his accounts to have been correctly kept. The Treasury appears to be exhausted, and the Synod indebted to the Treasurer 52½ cents. Your Committee recommend that said amount be refunded to the Treasurer so soon as the Treasury shall again be replenished with funds.

2. They examined the Report of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund, and find it to be correct.

3. They examined the Report of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund, and according to the best data they had to go upon, find his accounts to have been correctly kept. The report of the Seminary Treasurer did not appear in the printed Minutes of last year, in consequence of which, your Committee were somewhat embarrassed in their examination of his Report this year. Your Committee would recommend that the reports of the different Treasurers be regularly spread out in full upon the pages of our printed Minutes. The Committee would further bring to the notice of the Synod, that our standing capital is now sufficient to entitle the Synod to one Director.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK.
JOHN M. SMITH.

The Treasurer of Centenary fund paid in $31 86 interest. Whereupon, it was

3. *Resolved*, That the interest accruing from said Fund, be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Missionary and Education Society.

4. *Resolved*, That the interest arising from our Seminary fund be paid over to brother Linn, and that he be requested to pay it to the Treasurer of the Seminary, appointed by the Synod of South Carolina.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Synod adjourned to meet again immediately after.

Closed with a benediction.

Brother Hopkins then preached a sermon from Isa. lv., 6, 7.

THIRD SESSION.

Two o'clock, P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by brother Scheck.

Report No. 2.

Your Corresponding delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, which held its last annual meeting at St. Andrew's church, Lexington District, in Nov. 1849, begs leave to say: that he attended the meeting and was cordially received by that body: And as an evidence of their continued friendship, they elected Rev. J. F. W. Leppard as delegate to this Body, and Rev. James Bailey, his alternate.

JOSEPH A. LINN.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported.

Report No. 3.

Your Commitee on Unfinished Business, beg leave to report:

1. The Committee would call the attention of Synod to the 12th Resolution in the minutes of last Synod: by said Resolution, delegates were appointed to attend the Church Convention held in Concord, Cabarrus county, N. C., in June, 1849. In the opinion of your Committee, it would be the pleasure of Synod to hear the result of said Convention.

2. Your attention is also directed to the 16th Resolution of last year's minutes: by said Resolution, a committee of four was appointed to attend St. Enoch's church, and in connection with the church council, take into consideration and adjust the difficulties between J. B. Coleman and the Council of said church. In the judgment of your Committee, Synod should be informed whether said committee of four attended to their duty.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. N. HOPKINS,
W. BLACKWELDER, } Committee.

The Ministerial Delegates appointed by Synod to attend the Southern Church Convention to be held at Concord, N. C., attended to the business assigned them;

but finding no delegates in attendance from any other quarter, returned home, and have nothing further to report. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. SCHECK,
J. A. LINN.

I, as one of the Committee appointed to attempt an adjustment of the difference existing between Mr. Coleman and the church Council of St. Enoch's, proceeded to the church on the day appointed, but finding no one in attendance, I returned home.

S. ROTHROCK.

5. *Resolved*, That the other members of the committee be excused for non-attendance.

6. *Resolved*, That a committee of seven, be appointed to proceed to St. Enoch's church on the Thursday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, to investigate and adjust the difficulties existing between Mr. Coleman and the church Council; and report their decision at the next meeting of Synod; and that that committee be considered the representative of this body, to which an appeal was taken by Mr. Coleman from the decision of the church Council; and that the corresponding Secretary notify the parties concerned.

Committee: Revs. B. Arey, J. D. Scheck and J. A. Linn; and Messrs. G. Culp, D. Barringer, Jno. Smithdeal and W. Blackwelder.

Synod now adjourned to meet again to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

Closed with a benediction.

FOURTH SESSION.

Saturday, May 4th, 9 o'clock.

The Corresponding Secretary presented his report.

Report No. 4.

Your Secretary has received the minutes of four Synods only, viz: New York, Virginia, S. Carolina, and Tennessee.

The last convention of New York Synod was held in Valatie, Columbia county, Sept. 1849. Rev. Dr. Strobel, president; C. F. Schaeffer, secretary: and C. F. L. Stolhman, treasurer. This Synod is composed of 34 ordained ministers and licentiates. They reported 37 congregations, 1515 baptisms, 10469 communicants.

On the 19th page are found resolutions touching the establishment of a religious paper, which is to supercede the Observer in the event of its establishment. This may be a subject worthy of our consideration.

The Synod of Virginia is composed of 17 ordained ministers and 2 licentiates. Rev. J. P. Cline, president; A. P. Ludden, secretary; and P. Shickle, treasurer. The total membership is estimated at 2466. They report 42 congregations, and 36 prayer meetings.

The Synod of South Carolina numbers 46 ministers, 3061 communicants. Rev. Wm. Bearly, president; Rev. Leppard, secretary; Rev. Hart, cor. secretary; Mr. John Rouch, treasurer of synod; and Mr. H. Muller, treasurer of seminary. This Synod is actively engaged in Missionary enterprises, especially in the South-West, and has extended her arms as far as Texas.

Rev. J. F. W. Leppard was elected corresponding delegate to this body; we are sorry that he is not present. Their next meeting will be held at Betheden, Newberry district, S. C., on the Friday before the 2d Sabbath in Nov., 1850.

7. *Resolved*, That that part of the Corresponding Secretary's report which refers to the Tennessee Synod, be stricken out.

A petition from St. Enoch's church, praying Synod to take into consideration their destitute situation, was now presented, and referred to the committee on Petitions.

8. *Resolved*, That the $1 20 interest sent up from Bethel church, be paid into the treasury of our Missionary and Education society.

9. *Resolved*, That brother P. A. Seaford, Trea. of our Missionary and Education society, take a seat with us as an advisory member.

The committee on Petitions and Vacancies reported.

Report No. 5.

Your Committee to whom were referred Petitions and Vacancies, beg leave to report.—No. 1, is a petition from the Churches in Davidson county, in which the petitioners express their gratitude to this Body for the interest, which they manifested in their spiritual welfare, in securing the labors of brother Groseclose; and praying Synod that his services may be continued among them. These congregations number 95; and as a manifestation of their willingness to support brother Groseclose, they have subscribed $117 25 towards his salary. We would earnestly recommend the subject to the serious consideration of Synod, hoping that prompt action will be taken to supply that interesting portion of our Zion.

No. 2. Is a petition from St. Enoch's church, signed by their former Pastor and their Delegate to this body, praying you to take some action to supply them with preaching. This congregation is also recommended to the consideration of Synod.

J. H. COFFMAN.
D. BARRINGER.

10. *Resolved*, That any minister who may find it convenient, be

recommended to visit St. Enoch's congregation, and provided he and they can make satisfactory arrangements, that he supply them the ensuing year.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Congregations,	Baptisms. Adults	Baptisms. Infants	Confirmations,	Admissions,	Communicants	Restorations	Dismissions	Expulsions,	Burials,	Deaths of Members,	Sunday Schools,	Scholars,	Prayer Meetings,	Missionary & Ed. Society,
Rev. J. D. Scheck,	2	44		60	3	520	5	2	...	...	16	...	.....	2	...
" Wm. Artz,	4	29		13	...	240	...	...	..	9	...	...	.....	...	...
" S. Rothrock,	2	14	7	21	21	523	1	...	1	20	9	...	.....	...	2
" B. Arey,	1	25	10	29	2	130	...	...	3	...	...	1	.....	...	...
" Wm. G. Harter,	3	34	3	37	8	343	2	4	4	6	1	...	1	1	...
" J. A. Linn,	3	24	2	25	...	186	1	2	2	12	9	...	.....	1	...
" J. Crim,	4	9	...	...	2	100	...	...	...	5	2	...	.....	1	...
" J. H. Coffman,	2	20	...	...	...	220	...	2	...	8	6	2	100	2	...
" B. N. Hopkins	5	45	17	45	...	220	6	...	...	8	5	2	100	2	...
Total,	26														

Report No. 6.

The Committee on the President's Report have examined the same, and find but two items that claim special attention.

The first is, the resolution passed by the Ministerium, which did not appear on the pages of our printed Minutes; which the President regards as a manifest violation of the Constitution. Your Committee recommend the reference of this subject to the Ministerium; and that they inquire into the causes which led to the suppression of the resolution, upon which was suspended the licence of bro. Coffman, and that he be required to inform that body whether the promise made to the President to keep silence on certain agitated topics has been by him strickly observed.

Your Committee deem it unnecessary to dwell upon this subject, as they conceive that the time has come, when every effort should be made on the part of Synod to preserve its constitution and authority inviolate.

The second item, is one of greater importance; the subject of Revivals of Religion. Your Committee deeming this a matter of vital importance to the entire Church within our geographical bounds, deem themselves incompetent to the task, and would therefore offer the following resolution:

11. *Resolved,* That all the Ordained Ministers composing this Synod, constitute

a Committee to take the recommendation of the President into consideration, and report the result of their labors at the next meeting of this Synod.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend that the President's Report be printed and appended to our Minutes.

Adopted. Submitted with deference,

J. D. SCHECK,
GEORGE CULP.

Report No. 7.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee are of opinion that this body is already in possession of all the important facts, relative to the state of the Church, through the medium of the President's Report and other sources, and that a recapitulation of such matter, would but swell the number of pages in your printed minutes.

We beg leave, however, to say, that the outpouring of the Spirit upon the Church, in general, has been unparalleled in the history of the North Carolina Synod. According to the most current information received, upwards of five hundred souls have been hopefully converted to God since our last meeting of Synod.

We are taught in Scripture that "there is joy in heaven over *one* sinner that repenteth." Oh! what must have been their rejoicings, at witnessing such an extensive work of grace. The entire spiritual aspect of many Congregations has been changed. Where vice and immorality in the worst forms once existed, now is heard the voice of prayer and praise. Such signal manifestations of the grace of God, demands our most sincere and grateful thanksgiving. But, while we are made to rejoice to see the word of Eternal Truth thus prosper in our hands, our hearts are made to bleed in beholding the spiritual destitution and wild wastes in other portions of our Zion, and the formality and coldness manifested in many of our Churches. These things demand our unceasing and ardent prayers to God that the outpouring of his Spirit may be yet more abundant, universal and abiding.

Adopted. JOS. A. LINN,
CONRAD MILLER.

Report No. 8.

The Committee appointed to receive the Synodical Contributions, would submit the following Report:

From Rev. S. Rothrock's Charge.

Organ Church,	$11 00
St. Stephen's,	2 00

From Rev. Wm. G. Harter's Charge.

St. James Church,	3 00
Bethel Church,	1 50

Union Church,	2 00

From Rev. Joseph A. Linn's Charge.

St. Paul's Church,	2 50
Luther's Church,	82
St. Matthew's Church,	5 00

From Rev. J. D. Scheck's Charge.

St. John's Church,	8 00
Luther's Chapel,	3 00

From Rev. Jacob Crim's Charge.

St. Matthew's Church,	58
Mineral Spring's,	35

From Rev. Benj. Arey's Charge.

St. Michael's church,	1 47

From Rev. J. H. Coffman's Charge.

St. Enoch's church,	3 87
St. John's "	3 00
From Rev. J. Swicegood's charge,	75

From Rev. B. N. Hopkins' Charge.

St. Paul's church,	1 61
Newton,	1 25
Missionary Field,	0 00
Michael and Gideon Zink,	50
Peck's Church,	50
Sandy Creek,	46
Philip Swicegood,	50
Total amount,	$52 97

Synod now adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock. Closed with a benediction.

During the recess, Brother Groseclose preached from Mark x, 46, 52.

FIFTH SESSION.

Two o'clock P. M.

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by Brother Hopkins.

Brother Linn presented the Report of our Missionary, which brought to the notice of Synod some very important considerations relating to the future prospect of our Church in the new Town of Salem; and also other vacant Churches in Forsythe County. Whereupon, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration so much of that report as is recommended to this Synod, and report the same.

Report No. 9.

Your Committee to whom was referred that portion of your Missionary's Report, in which is contained certain items recommended to Synod, beg leave to state, that item first refers to a tract of land attached to Nazareth Church, Forsythe County, containing one hundred acres of good upland, of which possession has been taken, and a clearing commenced, without a legal contract with the present Trustee of said Church, he being the only male member and Trustee of this Church. Your committee recommend the appointment of a Trustee or Trustees on the part of Synod, to hold in trust, or dispose of said property, so that it be not lost to the Church.

Item second, refers to the new Town of Salem, as an important station, to which your Missionary directs the attention of Synod, at which place he has reason to believe a flourishing Church could soon be built up by well directed efforts; it being central between Hopewell, Nazareth and Garver's Churches, all of which united, would form a pastorate sufficient ere long to support a minister. Your Committee recommend, if possible, that a Missionary be employed to labor in this field, until some more permanent arrangement can be made for their future supply.

JOSEPH A. LINN,
L. C. GROSECLOSE,
JEREMIAH BARRINGER.

Inasmuch as this Synod does not possess the power to appoint Trustees, not being an incorporate body, therefore,

Resolved, That a protracted meeting be held at Nazareth Church, in Forsythe County, to commence on Thursday before the fifth Sabbath in August next, to be attended by all the Ministers of this Synod, and that Brother Groseclose inform the people of that vicinity of the purport of this resolution.

Resolved, That this Synod appoint a Committee to purchase two lots

in the new Town of Salem, and employ a Missionary to supply said place with preaching twice a month, and that he spend the remainder of his time in the surrounding Churches.

Committee—Rev. Joseph A. Linn, Rev. John D. Scheck, Rev. Benj. Arey, Col. J. M. Smith, J. Barringer, Esq., C. Peeler.

Adjourned to meet again on Monday at 9 o'clock. After which brother Harter preached from Hebrews xiii, 13, 14.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 9 o'clock prayer meeting was held in the Church; immediately after which, brother Scheck preached on the subject and efficacy of prayer from Luke xi, 13. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered to a large number of communicants.

At 2 o'clock, brother Rothrock preached the Missionary sermon, from Psalms cxvi, 12, 13, (from which brother Coffman was excused on account of indisposition) when a collection was lifted in favor of the Missionary and Education Society in connection with Synod.

Divine service was conducted in the Church at candle light, when brother Crim preached from Romans vi, 23.

SIXTH SESSION.

Monday, May 6,—9 o'clock.

Synod met and was opened with prayer by the President. The roll was called, the minutes of Saturday read and confirmed.

A letter was read from C. C. Baughman, Principal of the Virginia

Collegiate Institute, soliciting our hearty co-operation in the promotion of the prosperity of that Institution, was read by the President before this body.

Whereupon, on motion of brother Hopkins, it was referred to a committee of two to report on said letter.

Committee—Brothers Rothrock and Scheck.

Report No. 10.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from C. C. Baughman, Professor of the Literary Institution, located at Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia, would present the following Report:

1. They learn that a large and convenient brick building, four stories high, has been erected for the use of said Institution; that the Institution has been in operation for several years; that the number of students has been steadily increasing; that a chemical and philosophical apparatus has been purchased; and every arrangement necessary to secure thoroughness and efficiency, has been made. The Institution appears to be in a prosperous condition, and promises future usefulness.

2. Your Committee would recommend this Institution to the favorable consideration of our Church in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted. SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
Adopted. JOHN D. SCHECK.

The place of the next meeting of Synod was ballotted for. St. Stephen's Church, Cabarrus, and St. Michael's Iredell County, were put in nomination, when, on counting the votes, it was determined that our next meeting be held at St. Stephen's Church, Cabarrus County.

The term of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund having expired, Synod went into an election for a new Treasurer, when, on counting the votes, it was found that Col. J. M. Smith was re-elected.

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to wait on Col. Smith and take his bond.

Committee—Rev. J. Crim, and Rev. John H. Coffman.

Synod now proceeded to an election for a Director of the Seminary, South Carolina. Brother Scheck was elected.

Synod next ballotted for Corresponding Delegates.

Brother Scheck delegate to the Synod of South Carolina, and brother Grey, his alternate.

Brother Linn, Delegate to Western Virginia, and brother Harter, his alternate.

Synod now adjourned to meet again at the close of the meeting of the Missionary and Education Society.

Closed with a benediction.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Monday, 4 *o'clock—P. M.*

Synod met, and was opened with prayer by brother Scheck.

Resolved, That the Secretary have 800 copies of the Minutes of Synod printed: that two copies be sent to each Synod in the United States, and five to those with whom we are in regular correspondence.

Ordered, That the Treasurer of Synod pay to brother Linn $4 50 as his expenses to the Synod of South Carolina.

Resolved, That whereas it has already been resolved by this body to have the President's Report printed in full, the Ministerium be authorized to omit such portions of that Report, if any, as they in their wisdom may think had better be omitted.

JACOB CRIM, *Secretary*,
J. D. SCHECK, *Assistant*.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

Friday, 8 o'clock—P. M.

The Ministerium met, and was opened with prayer, by the President.

The Ministerium then took into consideration the resignation of Union Church, constituting a part of the charge of brother Hopkins.—After some deliberation upon the subject, it was

Resolved, 1. That the further discussion of the matter be deferred to our next meeting.

The Ministerium now adjourned to meet again this evening.

SECOND SESSION.

Friday Evening.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by brother Crim.

The resignation of St. Enoch's Church, which composed a part of the charge of brother Coffman, was then taken up; whereupon, he was called upon to assign his reasons for resigning that part of his charge.—The Ministerium deemed his reasons satisfactory, when it was

Resolved, 2. That he be sustained in resigning that part of his charge.

Brother Hopkins was next called upon to show reasons for his resigning Union Church.

Brother Coffman handed in his sermon which was referred to a committee for examination. Brother Hopkins also presented his journal, which was referred to the committee.

Committee—Rev. Samuel Rothrock, and Rev. Joseph A. Linn.

The Ministerium now adjourned to meet again on Monday evening.

Closed with a benediction.

Monday Evening, May 6.

The Ministerium met at the House of Mr. Hill, and was opened with prayer by brother Rothrock.

Report No. 1.

The Committee to whom were referred the sermons and journals of the Licentiates for examination, would present their report:

1. From the journal of brother Hopkins, it would appear that he has been diligent during the past year in preaching, holding prayer meetings, &c., and that his labors have not been in vain. Your committee regret that he did not in conformity to our Constitution, present this Ministerium with a written sermon for examination.

2. The arrangement of brother Coffman's sermon is good, and the matter instructive and useful. But your committee would direct brother Coffman's special attention to orthography and the use of capital letters. Your committee regret that he did not furnish this Ministerium with a written journal of his labors during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL ROTHROCK,
JOSEPH A. LINN.

Adopted.

3. *Resolved*, That our Licentiates be required in *strict conformity to our Constitution*, to present this Ministerium with written sermons and journals for examination.

Brother Groseclose, a Licentiate of the South Western Virginia Synod, was now called upon to state his intention with reference to a call extended to him from Union Church, and the Churches in Davidson County. Whereupon it was

Resolved, 4. That permission be granted to brother Groseclose to take charge of these Churches, provided he and they can make arrangements that will be mutually satisfactory.

The Ministerium now took up that item of the Report of the Committee on the President's Annual Address, which was referred to their consideration, touching the suppression of a resolution of last year's minutes, whereupon, it was

Resolved, 5. That the Secretary and his advisers be not excused for the suppression of said resolution.

In compliance with the recommendation of the committee, brother Coffman was interrogated by the Ministerium in regard to his promise to the President, of silence on certain topics, to which he gave an affirmative answer.

A communication addressed to this Ministerium by the Council and members of St. John's Church, Salisbury, was read, and its purport duly considered, whereupon it was

Resolved, 6. That further action on the subject be deferred for the present.

Resolved, 7. That the License of brother Coffman be renewed for one year.

Resolved, 8. That the License of brother Hopkins be renewed for one year.

Resolved, 9. That we now adjourn.

Closed with the Apostolic Benediction.

JACOB CRIM, *Secretary.*

JOHN D. SCHECK, *Assistant.*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY

OF THE

EVAN. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NO. CAROLINA.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Society met on Monday at two o'clock, May the 6, 1850, in St. Matthew's Church, Rowan County, North Carolina, and after appropriate religious exercises, the names of twenty persons as members of this Society, were obtained.

The Society now proceeded to the election of officers for the present year, to wit:

Rev. J. D. SCHECK, *President.*
" J. H. COFFMAN, *Vice President.*
" B. N. HOPKINS, *Secretary.*
" P. A. SEAFORD, Esq., *Treasurer.*

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT.

DIRECTORS.

Rev. WM. G. HARTER, Rev. B. N. HOPKINS,
Col. J. M. SMITH, J. BARRINGER, Esq.,
ABRAHAM HILL, SOLOMON EAGLE.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Revs. SAMUEL ROTHROCK, J. A. LINN, and B. AREY.

The Treasurer of this Society now made his Report, which was considered by items and adopted. When, on motion, it was

1. *Resolved*, That the Report entire appear in the printed Minutes of this meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

PAUL A. SEAFORD, Treasurer, in account with the Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, to wit:

To amount due from John Krimminger, Beneficiary student by note and order,		$170 00
" amount due from Wm. H. Fink, beneficiary student, by note renewed, 1849,		65 00
" amount due from L. C. Groseclose, beneficiary student by note, May 1845,		75 00
" amount due from Robert M. Jones, beneficiary student by two notes, November, 1849,		115 00
" amount due from John S. Heilig, beneficiary student, by note January, 1849,		40 00
Total amount,		$465 00
To amount due from Benjamin Arey, by note due 26th February, 1850,	$73 30	
Interest on said note to present date,	88	
" amount of cash received at the last annual meeting of Society,	98 20	
" interest obtained on said amount during the past year,	5 32	
" amount of cash received of B. Arey, at renewal of note,	5 90	
" amount received of J. M. Smith, Treas. of Centenary Fund,	31 85	
" amount rec'd by Rev W. G. Harter, as interest on Centenary Fund, Bethel Church,	1 20	
" amount rec'd by Rev. W. G. Harter, as contributions at Bethel Church,	2 75	—$219 40
Whole amount,		$684 40

To the President and Members of the Missionary and Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina:

DEAR BRETHREN—The above exhibited account is a true statement of your Treasury, from which it will appear that there is an amount of $465 00 loaned to Beneficiary Students, and $219 40 cents available funds, making in all the sum of $684 40 in the Treasury. It will ap-

pear by referring to the minutes of your last annual meeting, that there is a considerable mistake in the Treasurer's account. That account ought to call for the sum of $630 00, instead of $513 36¼ cents, which error stands corrected above. In September last, there was an order issued from your Executive Committee, authorizing me to forward to Robert M. Jones, a beneficiary student at the Lexington Seminary South Carolina, the sum of $60, and to take his note in proper form for the same, which was complied with.

By examining all the papers belonging to your Society, I found that the said R. M. Jones had received the sum of $55 00 on the 20th Jan. 1849; also, that John S. Heilig, had received the sum of $40 00 from your former Treasurer, for which sums he had neglected to take their notes, which notes I have since obtained, and which accounts for part of the error in his account to your last annual meeting.

In compliance with the 4th resolution of your last annual meeting, I visited Mr. John Krimminger, formerly a beneficiary student at the Lexington Seminary, but now located in Darlington District, South Carolina, and having learned that there was a very slim chance to get any money out him at the present time, I endeavored to persuade him to give us a new note for the amount he owed us, which he declined doing. He admitted the justice of the debt we claim against him, but said that he could not pay us any money at this time on the $60 note, neither would he give us a new note. He reminded me of our negligence in the management of the affairs of our Society, and boasted of the advantage he had over us in collecting our claims out of him, by pleading the statute of limitation. He alleged that he had paid $110 of the amount that he received of our Society, but could not tell any more when, but said that it had been paid some years ago—that he had borrowed the money from four different individuals, to wit: a part from Mr. Holliman, Esq.; part from Wm. King; part from Mr. Hudgens, who was now dead; and a part from some other individual whose name I do not now recollect. Finding that he could fix no definite time when he could have paid it, I referred him to his own letter addressed to Mr. M. Barrier, in August, 1848, upon which he said that he paid the $110 in August 1843, and had the Rev. H. Græber's letter of acknowledgment somewhere amongst his papers, but did not know where. I

then gave him time, until the next morning, to find it, when I called on him again for Græber's letter of acknowledgment, and told him I was very anxious to see it, and that it was very important to us to know whether he had such a letter or not; upon which he replied that he had searched his papers and could not find it. Upon which I told him that I reasonably came to the conclusion that he had never paid it, neither had he any letter of acknowledgment, for which he gave me no definite reply. I then left him and went to Darlington Court House, being fifteen miles off, and consulted two of their best lawyers as to the propriety of bringing suit against him, thinking that if I could obtain a judgment against him we might be able to collect the money, but after a few hours consultation on the various points in the case, I became perfectly satisfied that there was no chance at all for us to obtain a judgment against him, consequently did not bring suit.

I returned in the same neighborhood that night, and after some inquiry, I was creditably informed that he never came to that section of country before the year 1844, and consequently could not have borrowed the money in that year to pay the debt in 1843. Besides, Mr. Holliman positively declares that he never loaned him any money. Mr. King says that he had loaned him ten dollars sometime during the summer of 1844, and that sometime during the year 1845, Mr. Krimminger contracted a disease, sometimes called by one name and sometimes by another, and that he then borrowed ten dollars from Mr. Hudgens to pay a doctor bill to have said disease eradicated. There is one other case that I beg leave to mention here, that is, that his character is so bad that he is entirely out of employment as a teacher at present, and has turned his attention to the sale of spirituous liquors, and in order to evade the law which prohibits a man from selling any quantity less than three gallons without a license, he keeps a small box on his table with a hole in the lid, large enough to drop a silver dollar in edgewise. above which hole there is written in large letters, "The Missionar Cause," and all those who come up to drink drop something to "t missionary cause," instead of paying for the liquor.

Therefore, I would recommend that the amount due the Society Mr. John Krimminger be stricken from the Treasurer's account as irrecoverably lost. The journey occupied seven days. Travelli penses $4 50. P. A. SEAFORD, *Treas*

May 6th, 1850.

Rev. L. C. Groseclose, the Missionary employed by this Society, now made his report, which was read and adopted. Whereupon it was

2. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of this Society is hereby authorized to pay Rev. L. C. Groseclose $112 40 due him at the expiration of his term of service.

The Executive Committee of the Missionary and Education Society now reported, which report was now read and adopted, when it was

3. *Resolved*, That said report appear in the printed minutes of this meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee would report that they have attended to the business assigned them. According to resolution second of the proceedings of your Society, at its last meeting, your Committe were authorised to employ a Missionary for the term of six months, "to visit and preach in all the destitute portions of our Church in the bounds of this Synod."

Your Committee addressed several letters to different brethren, endeavoring thereby to obtain the services of some one, but failed in every instance. At length a letter was addressed to Rev. L. C. Groseclose, in November last, to which an answer was received accepting the call as a Missionary. Said brother entered upon his labors in Davidson and Forsythe Counties the first of December, 1849, and has prosecuted his labors up to the present time, with an arrangement made with him by your Committee to continue until the first of June, 1850. Thus fulfilling the resolution of your Society. It is the opinion of your Committee that said brother has faithfully discharged the duties of a Missionary, and are rejoiced to know that the blessings of God have attended his labors generally. Sinners have been converted to God, christians revived, and the waste of our beloved Zion built up. We would recommend that he be paid full missionary wages for six months labor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LINN,
B. N. HOPKINS.

The Missionary now handed in his Parochial Report: Congregations 8; Baptisms 6; Confirmations 5; Burials 1. Preached eighty-five times in five months, and visited a number of families in a Pastoral ca-

pacity. Raised by subscription at Beck's Church toward the support of a missionary $13 75

Do. at Sandy Creek,	11 12½
Do. at Pilgrim's	25 75
Collection at Pilgrim's for same,	7 91
Jacob Zink, sen'r	50
Collections at Sowers' Church,	72
	59 75½

Collection at Sandy Creek for Missionary Society:

Philip Swicegood,	$3 15
Paid,	1 00
Collections at Beck's Church for same,	4 71¼
	$8 86¼

Contributions from several Churches were now handed in viz: from

Rev. J. A. Linn's charge, St. Paul's,	3 67½
St. Matthew's,	2 08¼
Collections at the present Synod,	27 26
	$33 02¼

Rev. William G. Harter's charge.

Joseph Klutts,	25
J. B. Dry,	50
J. Eudy,	50
D. Melchor,	25
P. Ridenhour,	25
D. Lentz,	25
M. Barringer,	22½
G. Misenhamer,	25
J. Moose,	25

On motion, it was now

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society is hereby tendered to P. A. Seaford, Esq., for the services rendered in behalf of this Society.

5. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to take in all money intended for this Society, pay it over to the Treasurer and take his bond.

A letter was now read from Mr. Robert M. Jones, asking of this So-

ciety funds whereby he may be enabled to continue his studies. Whe on motion, it was

6. *Resolved*, That Mr. Jones' request be granted, that the Treasure of our Society be authorised to forward him the money, and take hi note for the same.

7. *Resolved*, That the beneficiaries of this Society be requested t report semi-annually, expenses for boarding, clothing, books, &c., to th Executive Committee of this Society, and that the Committee corre pond with their Professors as to their progression, study, growth i piety, &c.

8. *Resolved*, That our Treasurers shall hereafter be held liable to th Society for all moneys that may be lost through their mis-managemen in taking improper notes or otherwise; and that all notes or bonds take from beneficiary students shall be made payable in one, two, three, an four years after they shall have completed their Theological studies, a whatever Seminary they are supported by this Society, and shall b under seal.

9. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee of this Society be au thorised to act in concert with the Committee appointed on the part o Synod, in supporting a missionary at the new town of Salem, in For sythe County; and in the event such missionary shall be employed th Executive Committee shall immediately inform all the Ministers in con nection with this Synod of the fact, that they may solicit funds in ai of this enterprise.

10. *Resolved*, That hereafter all motions and resolutions offered b members of this Society, shall be reduced to writing before presented.

The President now appointed Rev. B. N. Hopkins, to preach th Missionary and Education Sermon at the next annual meeting of thi Society.

11. *Resolved*, That extracts of the proceedings of this Society b printed with the minutes of Synod.

12. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn to convene again on Monday two o'clock, at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

Closed with singing and prayer.

B. N. HOPKINS,

Secretary of Missionary and Education Society.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.—[APPENDIX.]

Beloved Brethren—In the providence of God, we are permitted to see the close of another Synodical year; and that too, under circumstances of no ordinary interest. Nothing, perhaps, connected with the minister's life, is so desirable, (after having spent one whole year in arduous toil and labor for souls) as to enjoy the privilege of meeting each other in Synodical convention, when and where an opportunity is offered them to unbosom to each other their joys and cares, and not least of all, to consult with each other relative to those things which are to make for the interest for that particular branch of the Church to which we belong, and the best interest of immortal souls.

Again, we should call upon our souls and all that is within us, to bless that fostering hand which has preserved our lives, so that as a Synod, no breach has been made in our number by the cold and icy hand of death. Brethren, the time and place selected at our last meeting of Synod, finds us all in the land of the living.

The Lord grant that we may be as united in heart and hand relative to every good word and work, as we are, in the providence of God, as a body. And whilst we look back upon the past, and call to mind the good and the evil, the desirable and the undesirable things, that stand appreciated with us as unavoidable, let us remember that the Lord hath still further need for us, and that it becomes us to do whatsoever our hands find to do with all our might; for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of Man shall say it is enough, render in an account for thy stewardship, for thou mayest not be steward any longer.

Let us then give all diligence to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness,

and to brotherly kindness charity; for if these things be in us and abound, they will make us that we shall be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the organ of this Synod, it is made my duty, by the Constitution, to furnish you with a report of all the official acts to which I have been called, during the past Synodical year.

In this department of duty, I have had but little to do, and consequently, but little to communicate.

And in the first place, I would remark that, I have been solicited by most of the brethren to change the time for the present meeting of Synod. In view of the fact that many of the brethren would necessarily have to be absent in consequence of other engagements.

This I would have cheerfully acceded to for several reasons. In the first place, I should have taken a pleasrue in gratifying my brethren upon this subject; and in the next place, by so doing, it would have afforded me the pleasure of attending the meeting of Synod myself, which would have been no ordinary degree of satisfaction to me. But in examining the Constitution, I could not discern, that that instrument delegates to me any such power, and consequently, I thought it best to leave the matter as it was.

The next item of duty, to which I would respectfully call your attention, is that which was imposed upon me by the Ministerium itself in a preamble and resolution passed at its last session, relative to the case of brother J. H. Coffman. The resolution, for some cause or causes or other not fully known to myself, did not find its way into the printed minutes. As to the circumstances under which said resolution was suppressed, and the persons by whom it was done, may be a subject for consideration on the part of Synod. If our Synodical acts be worth anything at all, let us adhere to them; if not, why any longer meet in Synodical convention. If a mere matter of convenience or of policy is to determine our compliance with our synodical transactions, then, indeed, I think it is time for us as a Synod to disband, and seek to employ our time that we spend in Synod to a better advantage. Let Synod be sure that it is always right, and then let its motto be *onwards*; and endeavor to preserve its rights and its authority inviolable, and suffer them not to be treated with sovereign contempt by any individual at home or abroad.

In Resolution No. 1, of last year's minutes, it was made my duty to furnish brother Anthony with a certificate of honorable dismission, with a view of connecting himself with the Synod of South Carolina, he having located within the bounds of said Synod. The duty was attended to by the first opportunity.

The above comprise all the official acts to which I have been called to attend during the past synodical year.

As to that part of God's moral vineyard over which God has been pleased to make us stewards, we have great reason to rejoice, in that it has been unusually prospered and blessed during the past year. In almost every pastoral charge connected with our Synod, we have heard of the grace of God, and our hearts have been made glad.

I should take pleasure in communicating some of the particulars connected with these seasons of grace which have blessed us during the past year. But as the brethren, almost to a unit, appear to have lost sight of a standing resolution found in our minutes making it the duty of each minister to write to the President within a specified time, with a view of placing him in the possession of all matters of interest relative to their respective charges, I shall be unable to avail myself of this privilege, and consequently cannot gratify the Synod upon this subject.

But we have understood that extensive revivals of religion have prevailed in brother's Linn's, Harter's, Scheck's and Hopkins' charges. At a late meeting held in St. John's Church, which I had the pleasure of attending in part, we were made to rejoice in that the grace of God was made manifest in the conviction, and we trust, in the conversion of souls. In a communication subsequently received of brother Scheck relative to this meeting, he writes: "The meeting at St. John's closed on Sabbath evening, having been in progress eleven days. Had you continued with us to the close of the meeting, you would have seen the salvation of God. At least forty persons obtained a hope in Christ, twelve or fourteen are young men." "Perfect quiet," he further remarks, "reigned throughout the meeting, and has left the objector without excuse."—This, in our opinion, is as it should be.

In a letter from brother Harter, he states that "during the past synodical year, St. James' Church and Bethel have enjoyed the saving influence of the good spirit of the Lord, particularly at the latter, in

September, 1849. The spirit of revival pervaded the congregation in a very extraordinary manner. Much good was received to the whole Church and vicinity; and I hope it will be permanent, and thus prove the revival to be genuine."

In my own Church we enjoyed a very extensive revival last fall.—Some forty expressed a hope in Christ, and some thirty united with the Church. A good state of things I understand also obtains in our Missionary field, enjoying the labors of brother Groseclose.

Union Church formerly under the care of brother Hopkins, and St. Enoch's Church, formerly under the care of brother Coffman, I have been informed, have been resigned by these brethren; if so, permit me to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance, and that of the Synod, that we have one article in our Constitution, which says, that "after a licentiate has a stated charge he shall be restricted to it, and shall not resign it without the consent of the Ministerium, or in its recess, of the President. (See chapt. iii, section 9.) This matter requires attention.

As revivals of religion are now attracting the attention of our Church within the bounds of our Synod, and similarity of views as far as is possible upon this subject, is all important, therefore, to the attainment of this desirable end, I would recommend the creating of a committee on the part of this Synod, whose duty it shall be to draw up and present to this body in the form of a report, what they may consider a safe platform, upon which we may all agree, and safely co-operate with each other upon the subject of revivals. In this report, they should endeavor to define what they consider to be a revival of religion, the means to be employed in originating them,—the manner of conducting them, etc.

Upon this subject, we should be united, for, united we stand, divided we fall. I, for one, cannot value a genuine revival too highly. While on the other hand, I cannot fall in with any thing bordering on ultraism, confusion or disorder.

Let us therefore, as a Synod, settle down upon some safe and common ground upon this subject; and whilst we should be willing and determined to go as far as the word of God will justify us upon the subject, we should be careful not to bring upon us a worse evil than that which we would remove by overdoing what in the hands of God, properly managed, would prove a blessing.

The above embraces the principal matters to which I thought it proper to direct the attention of Synod. And now brethren, as my term of office has expired, I present to Synod my grateful acknowledgments for the confidence which you have reposed in me by conferring upon me the office of President.

And as this comprises my last official act, I would respectfully hand that which was conferred upon me, back to the same authority from which I received it, hoping that due allowance will be made for the imperfect manner in which I have discharged the duties imposed upon me, praying the Lord that you may at all times, and especially during the present session of Synod, realize what the Saviour means when he says, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." May his good Spirit preside over all your deliberations, and make the assembling of yourselves together not only agreeable and edifying to each individual member of the Synod, but a blessing to the Church at large. And to the Father, Son and ever blessed Spirit, be all the praise, honor and glory, henceforth and forevermore. Amen.

BENJAMIN AREY, *President.*